27. The following table shows the demarcation work done by the establishment under the Forest-Settlement-Officer, Kanara :—

Name of Táluka.	Number of villages demarcated.	Lines marked out.		Number of plates fixed.	Cost of fixing the plates.
		Miles.	Furlongs.		Rs. a. p.
Yellápur	7	65	3¼	354	898 0 0
Kúmtá	12	30	4	366	
Ankolá	1	2	7¾	9	
Total ...	20	98	7	729	898 0 0

IV.—SURVEYS.

28. In my report for 1893-94, I gave a statement, in paragraph 49, of the estimated cost for 3 years of the forest survey. The Superintendent has drawn my attention to the fact that in this statement the figures given for the year 1891-92 are really those for 1890-91, while those given for 1892-93 are really those for 1891-92. Subject to these corrections, the estimate appears to have been a correct deduction from the details supplied to me by the survey. It should, however, be noted that the actual cost of surveys on the 8-inch' scale in 1892-93 (the year omitted by me in the last annual report) was Rs. 235, and, for the 4-inch' scale, Rs. 114 as compared with Rs. 189 and Rs. 112 in 1893-94,* and with Rs. 112 for the 8-inch' in 1890-91.

29. Colonel Hobday explains that considerable fluctuations in the cost are due to a difference in the quantity of detail to be taken up in Kolábá and Kanara, respectively. The work in this respect is, he says, much heavier in Kolábá. When the detail-work lies chiefly or entirely in that district, the cost is high, but descends to a minimum when the work is confined to Kanara, as in 1890-91.

30. In order, therefore, to compare the relative cost of one year with another, it is necessary to keep the expenditure in each district separate, and Colonel Hobday has sent me separate estimates for each district, from which I have compiled the following figures :—

Cost per square mile of survey in the years 1890—95.

	1890-91.		1891-92.		1892-93.		1893-94.		1894-95.	
	4-inch.	8-inch.	4-inch.	8-inch.	4-inch.	8-inch.	4-inch.	8-inch.	4-inch.	8-inch.
Kanara...	...	112	126	...	114	...	112	...	...	...
Kolábá	...	...	...	220	...	235	...	189	...	186

31. According to this statement, it appears that the surveys in each district, taken separately, have not fluctuated from year to year more than might be expected and that they have been somewhat cheaper during later years.

32. The cost of the 8-inch' survey, in Kolábá, in 1894-95, came to Rs. 3 less per square mile of completed area than that of the previous year.

33. Colonel Hobday intends to introduce modifications, by means of which he hopes to reduce the cost of surveys in Kanara.

34. The cost of the 8-and 4-inch' surveys is practically the same, as is evident from the figures for Kanara noted above, and the Superintendent informs me that this has been his experience.

* These figures are furnished by the Superintendent, annas and pies having been rounded off to rupees.